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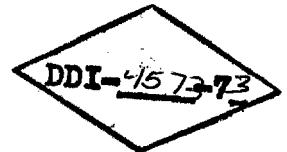
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Dr. Albert C. Hall  
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Dear Al:

In your letter of 21 September you asked for consideration of the CIA FORCES data file as a candidate for community use in the COINS system. I fully agree that this file--which is being developed as an agreed CIA/DIA data base for MBFR support--is a potentially useful COINS application, and I have asked the Office of Strategic Research to move ahead to accomplish this.

Under present planning, the FORCES file can probably be ready for placement within the COINS system in about two months. Agreed manpower and unit data are now in the system and CIA is working closely with DIA to complete the equipment inventory data by sometime in mid to late November. We do not anticipate any difficulty in making this file compatible with the NSA system.

Sincerely,

W. E. Colby

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Director

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